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FOL TEL SENT ACTION BANGKOK IMMEDIATE FROM SONGKHLA DATED
JAN 19, 1978 REPEATED TO YOU

QUOTE

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TAGS: SREF, VM, TH
SUBJ: SONGKHLA REFUSES TO ACCEPT REFUGEES

REFS: A) SONGKHLA 0023 B) SONGKHLA 0021

1. IN MEETING WITH VICE-GOVERNOR JAN 19 CONFIRMED RUMOR (REF A)
THAT BOAT WITH 16 REFUGEES ABOARD WHICH ARRIVED MORNING JANUARY
18 IN SONGKHLA, WILL BE SENT OUT TO SEA UNLESS THE US GUARANTEES
TO ACCEPT THEM. I TOLD VICE-GOVERNOR I COULD NOT MAKE SUCH A
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GUARANTEE. I REITERATED THE WHOLE GAMUT OF ARGUMENTS FOR ACCEPT-
ANCE OF THIS AND OTHER BOATS AND POINTED OUT THE LEEWAY PRO-
VINCIAL GOVERNORS HAVE IN ACCEPTING BOATS FOR "HUMANITARIAN"
REASONS, BUT HE WAS UNRECEPTIVE TO ANY OF THE ARGUMENTS. I
ALSO POINTEDLY REMINDED HIM THAT US OFFICIALS WOULD BE HERE
THIS WEEKEND BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE HE WILL DELAY PUSHING
THE BOAT OUT UNTIL THEN.

2. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH THE VICE-GOVERNOR HE INDICATED HIS INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO INTERPRET RTG POLICY TOWARD THE REFUGEES VERY STRICTLY. HE WILL SEND BACK OUT TO SEA ANY BOAT WHICH RUNS. AS I POINTED OUT IN REF B, SUCH CASES AS THIS WILL NO DOUBT MULTIPLY SHORTLY. THE VG INDICATED THAT HE HAS HEARD OF SEVERAL SHIPS AT SEA WHICH WILL PROBABLY HEAD TO THAILAND. HE HAD NO OTHER DETAILS.

3. DETAILS OF BOAT AND PASSENGERS WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.
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